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NO ARRESTS.

LACK OF DATA IN HUNGHOM
OUTRAGE.

ONE FATALITY REPORTED.

In spite of exhaustive enquiries by the police into the bomb outrage at Hunghom yesterday when eight Chinese were sent to hospital, no information has been forthcoming leading to any arrests.

Conflicting accounts are given as to where the bomb came from, one eyewitness stating that he observed a stream of smoke from one of the verandahs above the spot (outside the Hunghom market in Wuhu Street) and another that a man who had carried the bomb under his arm was observed to have thrown it.

A notice has been issued offering a reward of \$1,000 for the seizure of any bomb and the police were particularly active in searching passengers on the ferries last night.

Some of the wounded were passengers in buses which were on their way to Kowloon City when the outrage took place. Six were employees of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, on their way back to work after the tiffin interval. The other two were a shop employee and a small boy of seven. One fatality is reported, namely, Chau Wai, a carpenter, 40 years of age, who had his left leg so badly smashed that it had to be amputated at the thigh at the Kowloon Hospital, where he subsequently succumbed. Pong Cheng, 25, also a carpenter, is seriously injured in both legs. The other six are injured in arms and legs, but not seriously. The more serious cases are being treated in Kowloon Hospital and the others at the Kwong Wah Hospital.

The bomb was of the "home-made" type in cylinder form. It contained a large amount of metal.

STAR FERRY CO.

CHANGE IN ARTICLES OF
ASSOCIATION.

TO-DAY'S MEETING.

Pursuant to notice given at the last extraordinary meeting of the Star Ferry Company, Ltd., a further meeting was held this afternoon for confirming a resolution then passed regarding a change in the articles of association.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and was supported by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (directors), Mr. M. H. Turner (secretary) and Mr. F. H. Crapnell (acting secretary). Shareholders present were Messrs. A. W. Smith, J. G. Bagram, J. P. Braga, C. M. Manners, D. C. Logan, C. E. Terry, C. F. Lee and E. Sadick.

After the acting secretary had read the notice convening the meeting, the chairman said: "Gentlemen—The business of this meeting is to confirm, if thought fit, as a special resolution, the extraordinary resolution which was passed on February 22, reading as follows:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the articles of association of the company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing articles thereof."

"That resolution, as you will remember, concerned the articles of association of the company, which it was considered should be revised and a new set of articles of association established, and at the before mentioned meeting, I briefly explained the necessity for this. I do not, therefore, consider it necessary to deal further therewith."

"I now beg to propose the confirmation of this extraordinary resolution as a special resolution."

"Seconded by the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, the proposal was carried unanimously."

A Chinese child, three years of age, meddled with a broken electric meter at the Yuen On wharf yesterday, and was taken to hospital suffering from shock.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 2/3 7/16

SHARES LOAN.

WERE LAMBERTS ACTING
AS INTERMEDIARIES?

CLERK CROSS-EXAMINED.

A letter from G. P. and H. A. Lambert the effect of which was that the Man Chuen Bank had loaned from them \$39,200 on account of the 200 Wharf shares, the subject of the proceedings, was mentioned in the course of the Supreme Court case this morning in which Moxon and Taylor claim the return of that money stating "that it was lent through them and that G. P. and H. A. Lambert were acting as intermediaries."

Mr. Jenkin elicited in the course of cross-examination of Mr. Chan, clerk of G. P. and H. A. Lambert, that they were indebted to the Man Chuen Bank on account of loans made for a greater amount than that advanced on the wharf shares.

Mr. Chan stated in the witness box that he had no knowledge of a letter written by G. P. and H. A. Lambert to the Man Chuen Bank acknowledging that the Bank had borrowed the money in respect of the Wharf shares from them (Lamberts). When shown by Mr. Jenkin (for the Bank) a letter in these terms signed by Mr. Lambert, he said he had not seen it before. He could not say whether the arrangement mentioned referred to the loan of June 6.

Referring to a verbal agreement which Mr. Chan mentioned as having been come to between himself and the manager of the Bank, Mr. Jenkin commented on the fact that, according to Mr. Chan's evidence, if Moxon and Taylor were advancing the money, Lambert's would be paying \$1,700 for the loan and the Bank only \$1,600.

Mr. Chan stated under cross-examination that on several occasions in which Lambert's indebtedness to the Bank on account of other loans was discussed, the Wharf share loan was discussed at the same time.

YESTERDAY'S EVIDENCE.

Cross-examined yesterday, Mr. Nissim maintained that the transaction between Moxon and Taylor and the Bank was in the nature merely of a loan.

Mr. Jenkin produced a letter stating that if the money was not forthcoming the shares would be sold. He asked witness how he reconciled this threat with his claim that the transaction was for a loan.

Mr. Nissim replied that Mr. Birrell, knew that to put the threat into execution would not be justifiable under the contract. It was to get Lambert's to move in the matter. Lambert's had failed to take up the shares at the July settlement, asking that they might be "carried" until September, and at the September settlement they again failed to take them up.

In the course of further cross-examination as to why a certain document was not stamped, witness said that it was the custom not to stamp contracts between brokers.

His Lordship: If that is the custom, what about the law?

Mr. Potter: The document is only a notice stating that a transaction has taken place. It is not a transaction exactly and the Government is not cheated in any way.

Mr. Nissim: Brokers do not pay brokerage fees.

Mr. Nissim further stated that if the shares had been taken up on behalf of the Bank, all that Moxon and Taylor would have got would have been \$150 brokerage. They were acting for Mr. Dastur who was actually advancing the money on the shares.

Mr. Sang, the manager of the defendant bank, had not denied the loan at a meeting with the Official Receiver and Mr. Ross, the special manager of Messrs. Lambert, after the latter went into bankruptcy, stated Mr. Chan, the clerk through whom the original transaction is alleged to have been made. He merely asked for time and said that the interest was too high. It was agreed to reduce it.

HOME MAIL

Delivery of the mail by the S.S. Express of Canada was proceeding this afternoon.

In a total of 866 bags of mail from the U.S.A. and other places were included 15 bags from London via Vancouver and 14 bags via Siberia.

A DEADLOCK!

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE
COUNCIL.

ALL OTHERS OPPOSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 10.
Notwithstanding German newspaper reports of the changed attitude of Germany, Reuter learns that she is adamant in opposing the election of other candidates to the League Council before herself.

Formal Report.
The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with Germany's admission to the League has unanimously pronounced in favour of her admission, considering that Germany has fulfilled all the obligations required for membership.

The report will be submitted to the full Committee of the Assembly to-morrow.

No Difficulty.
The House of Commons applauded Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, who, in replying to a question as to whether he was able to make a statement regarding Germany's entry into the League, said:—

"The usual formal preliminary enquiries are progressing. I anticipate neither delay nor difficulty in connection with the matter."

Dissension Creeps In.
London, March 10.
A three-hour sitting of the Council of the League at Geneva in the afternoon has given rise to a crop of rumours of which Reuter's Geneva correspondent says it is impossible to get any confirmation.

A Geneva telegram which professes to describe the events at the sitting, says that the debate was very heated. Mr. Osten Udden, delegate for Sweden, pounded the table in emphasising the statement that his Government had most strictly instructed him not to accept anyone but Germany as a permanent member.

Sir Austen Chamberlain appealed for a peaceful spirit and urged all to make a last effort. He emphasised the gravity of the situation if no solution were found.

M. Paul Boncour (France) also most eloquently appealed for peace, but the delegates were not moved.

The deadlock was increased by the announcement of the Brazilian delegate, Senhor Mello Franco, that his Government had most strictly instructed him to vote against Germany and retire from the League unless Brazil was also granted a permanent seat on the Council.

Waiting for Brazil.
London, later.
The "Morning Post" correspondent at Geneva, reports that as the outcome of Brazil's attitude and appeal to the Council, a session will be held this afternoon conditionally on M. Briand, who is arriving at noon, signifying his approval. The object is to force all the countries to a public commitment, thereby centralising the responsibility.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

Several motor accidents are reported to have occurred yesterday. Mr. E. Thompson of the Hong-kong Electric Company, while driving in Queen's Road East, knocked down a Chinese man walking on the pavement. The man was slightly injured in the leg.

At Queen's Road West, a small boy ran out of the footpath and was slightly injured by striking a car driven by Mr. R. E. Atwell of the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

A district watchman was knocked down by a motor car at Shuang-hat Street, Yau-mat. The injuries were not serious.

In each case the motorists took the injured persons to hospital.

DOG BITES.

While riding a motor cycle near Knutsford, Terrace, yesterday, Mr. M. Burton was bitten by an Airedale spaniel owned by Captain Flax-Meade. On investigation by the Police, the owner produced a certificate of inoculation against rabies and a permit to take the dog between Kowloon and Hong-kong.

A small Portuguese boy, Albert Mathias, living at 24, York Street, Kennedy, was yesterday at the Government Civil Hospital, where he is being treated for a dog bite on the leg. Mr. M. Burton, who was riding the dog, between Kowloon and Hong-kong.

FLOWER SHOW.

EXCELLENCE DESPITE
HANDICAPS.

THIS YEAR'S SUCCESS.

In spite of most unfavourable conditions, this year's flower show organised annually by the Hong-kong Horticultural Society—must be voted a great success.

For quality, the pot plants were excellent. Although there were many who thought that the absence of gardeners would have a great effect, the standard all round was very high. In the opinion of one of the leading exhibitors, residents seem to have done better on their own. His view was that for quality, this year's show is ahead of last year's.

The number of entries, as compared with last year, is:—

	1925	1926
Number of exhibitors	53	59
Pot plants, open	139	176
Pot Plants, Peak	157	195
Vegetables, open	113	95
Vegetables, Peak	86	164
Cut flowers, open	68	78
Cut flowers, Peak	45	65

This morning, the untiring band of officials, headed by Mr. E. B. C. Howell (hon. secretary) were busy with the judges so as to get things ready for the opening at 3 p.m. The show remains open till 7 p.m. Prizes will be distributed after 5 p.m.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong also put up two big exhibits, not for competition, of flowers and vegetables, grown from seeds imported from Sydney and England, respectively. There was no award for the amateur cup.

Judges:—
Open pot plants: Mr. H. Green, Mr. F. A. Perry.
Peak pot plants: Mr. L. Gibbs, Mr. Chao Po-sien.
Open vegetables: Mr. C. E. H. Davis, Mr. H. Green.
Peak vegetables: Mr. L. Gibbs, Mr. G. M. Shaw.
Open cut flowers: Mrs. Dyer, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin.
Peak cut flowers: Mr. R. A. Nicholson, Mr. J. P. Robinson.
General exhibits and amateur cup: Mr. H. Green, M. L. Gibbs.
Table decorations, etc.: The committee.

Censors: Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. J. P. Robinson.
[The full prize-list follows.]

SECTION I.

Plants in pots—open to all except Peak gardens and Chinese market gardeners.

Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens): Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Chao 2; Kowloon Cricket Club, h.c.

Nasturtium (Tall varieties): Mr. J. H. Taggart 1; Sir Paul Chater 2.

Salvia: Mrs. Chao 1; Mr. Ho Kom-tong 2; Kowloon C.C. h.c.

Annals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtiums): Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. Ho Kom-tong 2; Mr. Ho Leung, h.c.

Annals or plants raised from seed the same season and not included in classes 1 to 3 or 6 to 35: Mr. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2; Sir Paul Chater, h.c.

Arums: Mrs. Chao 1; Mr. Ho Kom-tong 2; United Services Recreation Club, h.c.

Antirrhinum: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. Ho Leung 2; Mrs. Chao, h.c.

Begonia (semperflorens): U.S.R.C. 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2; Mr. J. H. Taggart, h.c.

Double Geraniums: Mr. L. Gibbs 1; Mrs. Chao 2; Sir Paul Chater, h.c.

Single Geraniums: Sir Paul Chater 1; Mrs. Chao 2; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, h.c.

Ivy-leaved Geraniums: Mr. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, h.c.

Pom. Pom. Dahlias: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mrs. Chao 2; Kowloon C.C. h.c.

POSITION OBSCURE.

LATEST REPORTS FROM
CANTON.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED?

Further rumours have only served to throw confusion on intelligence from Canton.

There has been no confirmation of the news current yesterday although well-informed people persist that something of importance, if not a crisis, has occurred.

It is admitted that things have not been running as smoothly as desired, owing to differences between the Right and Left parties of the Kuomintang. General Cheung Kai-shek is classed as one of the Leftist leaders and it is said that others have risen to power.

The latest rumours, which should be accepted with due reserve, are—that the general and his family have left Canton for the North that the general has gone to an outlying part of the province, that one of his leading subordinates (who commands the bulk of the Cadets) on the East River, is leading a punitive expedition on Canton; and that martial law has been declared.

GERMAN STOWAWAY.

RUNAWAY SEAMAN'S
FREE TRIP.

DEFENDANT IMPRISONED.

A charge of stowing away from Shanghai on board the s.s. "Fulda" was admitted by a young German seaman, Edmund Douzak, when he was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Defendant said that after deserting from the s.s. "Ermland" at Tsingtao, he was helped by his friends with a passage to Shanghai. His friends left him here, and not desiring to be left behind, he stowed away to Hongkong.

His Worship sentenced defendant to four weeks' imprisonment.

Mrs. Chao 1; Mr. Ho Kom-tong 2; U.S.R.C. h.c.
Freesia, white or lemon coloured: Lady Ho Tung 1; Sir Paul Chater 2.
Phlox Drummondii: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Sir Paul Chater 2; Mr. Ho Leung, h.c.

Roses: Mrs. Chao, h.c.
Dianthus, excluding Carnation, Picotee and Sweet William: Mr. J. H. Taggart 1; Mr. Ho Kom-tong 2; Mr. Ho Leung, h.c.

Carnations and/or Picotees: Sir Paul Chater 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, h.c.

Maiden Hair Ferns: Sir Paul Chater 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.

Ferns, excluding Maiden Hair and Asparagus Plumosus: Sir Paul Chater 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, special prize.

Asparagus Plumosus: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1.

Mignonette: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Lady Ho Tung 2.

French Marigolds: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Mr. Ho Kom-tong 2; Mrs. Chao, h.c.

Nasturtium (dwarf varieties): Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1.

Pansies and/or Violas: Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 1; Sir Paul Chater 2.

Violas: K.C.C. 1; Mrs. Chao 2; Stock: Sir Paul Chater 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.

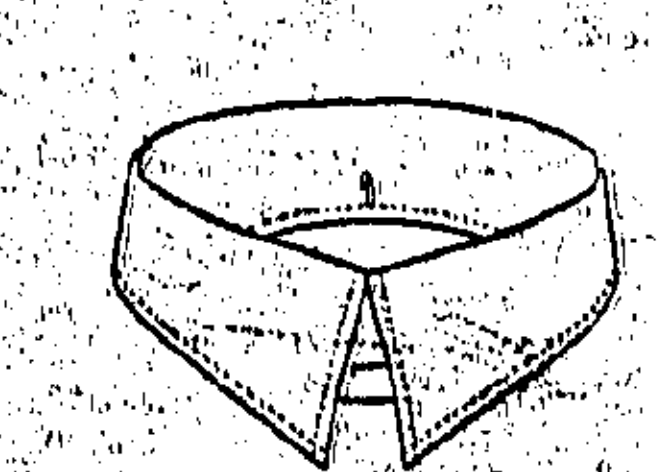
Primula: Mr. A. Tse 1; Mrs. Ho Kom-tong 2.

Annals, Perennials and/or any plants: Mr. Ho Leung 1; Mr. R. H. Nicholson 2.

SECTION II.
Plants in pots—Peak Gardens only.
Marguerite (Chrysanthemum frutescens): Peak Club 1; Sir Robert Ho Tung 2.
Nasturtium (Tall varieties): Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 2.
Salvia: Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Mr. T. E. Pearce 2.
Annals or plants raised from seed the same season (excluding Nasturtiums): Mr. T. E. Pearce 1; Peak Club 2.
Annals or plants raised from seed the same season and not included in classes 37 to 39 or 42 to 67: Mrs. Dyer 1; Mr. J. A. Plummer 2.
Arums: Mr. W. H. Bell 1; Mr. Allan Cameron 2.
Antirrhinum: Peak Club 1; Mrs. Parkes 2.
Begonia (semperflorens): Mrs. Parkes 1; Peak Club 2.
Pom. Pom. Dahlias: Mrs. Parkes 1; Peak Club 2.
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A BOMB OUTRAGE.

It is a welcome sign of the times of the placid mood of the community that, beyond the usual feeling of horror associated with bomb outrages, there has not been the slightest concern as to the safety of the public generally as the outcome of yesterday afternoon's regrettable incident at Hung Hom. The nerves of the Colony are not on edge. The strikers shot their bolt months ago so far as law and order are concerned. The machinations of the intimidators were short-lived. The raids on certain areas by the Police, with the co-operation of the East Surrey Regiment, succeeded in ridding the Colony of undesirable. The criminal records soon began to testify to the efficacy of the drastic measures enforced, even armed robbers finding for a time that the last place in South China to ply their nefarious calling was Hongkong.

With the relaxation of vigilance on the part of the pickets in Canton, it was inevitable that there should creep through the cordon and drift back to their old haunts some of the criminal classes—hence the occurrence now and again of an armed robbery and of a series of burglaries in city stores. But, knowing the desperate nature of such criminals, the only wonder is that outrages of this nature have not been more frequent. It is evidence in itself that the preventive work of the Police has not been permitted to slacken in the more demonstrative duty of protection of the public from crimes with or without violence.

To revert to the incident at Hung Hom it is the easiest thing in the world to place it at the door of intimidators, but all the circumstances point to exactly the opposite: and only unimpeachable evidence secured eventually by the Police will convince anybody that the motive was not personal revenge for some real or imaginary wrong. The setting of the crime was too crude in the extreme for it to have been the work of anyone but blundering amateurs unaccustomed to be entrusted with the execution of political offences. This bomb itself, if such it could be called, was a "home-made" product, although powerful enough to cause a fair amount of damage in a crowd. The sole professional touch—if such it can be described—of the whole business lay in the fact that the assailant had the wit

to make good his escape, but even this is not surprising in view of the panic naturally created in the vicinity of the explosion. Nor would it be the first time by a long way that an amateur bomb thrower, as compared with a professional political malcontent, has succeeded in eluding the vigilance of the crowd and of the Police subsequently.

In short, the whole outrage can be ascribed purely and simply to malice or revenge, outside the realm of which it is not worth comment, beyond regret that a number of innocent persons were injured and congratulation that other persons, including Europeans, escaped from the effects of the explosion.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

Without much crashing of cymbals, the transference of the Diocesan Boys' School from the island to the mainland has been accomplished. If "this ere progress" is always going on, it is always going on in connection with institutions—and particularly with educational institutions. The old quarters of the Diocesan Boys' School had outgrown their usefulness. The methods were new, but not so the buildings. And so this move has been made; and from cramped quarters with little or no outlook—not even the hackneyed fine view of the harbour—a number of very fortunate schoolboys find themselves in the midst of spaciousness where, indeed, every prospect pleases. The schoolboy of the future in this Colony—at least that section which decides to place itself in the disciplinary and educational care of the Diocesan School, will give thanks—if the modern schoolboy ever gives thanks—for the commendable foresight, and wonderful initiative which has produced the most modern block of school buildings in this part of the world. The move has been a wise one—and having made it, perhaps other institutions who gasp for lack of space will consider copying such an excellent example. For in Kowloon and beyond, there is ample space. The youthful vision is not clogged; the mind, has a pleasant prospect before it and the chances of producing manly and independent young men, should be more easy of accomplishment than under the conditions which have ruled. These extensions, means, or developments, are to be encouraged. We owe it to the University to encourage them. They serve not merely a local purpose, but a purpose outside the boundaries of the Colony in that they attract the youth of other parts who find here educational advantages not to be had in the district from which they come. Such schools as the Diocesan Boys' form a "feeder" to the University—and they send students to the University of whom they may well be proud. This is one of many aspects. The good name which the Diocesan Boys' School has borne since its inception, is likely to increase as the years go on. It has always been well controlled and perhaps never better under its present spirited head whose independence of outlook and modern conception of the things necessary to ensure that the boys are well known. It

was won on the playing fields of Eton, many a boy may in the future decide that his soul's salvation was gained on the playing fields, and in the class rooms of the Diocesan Boys' School. The school in its new quarters does not begin a new life. It merely continues a life that has always been new.

NIGHT ATTACK.

U. S. MISSIONARY MEETS
PIRATES.

"LOST EVERYTHING."

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Holhow (Hainan Is.), March 4.

Following is a verbatim account of a daring river boat robbery in which Rev. David H. Thomas of the American Presbyterian mission and his family with three children were the victims in a trip from Kachek to Holhow.

At the warning of shots at midnight they waded ashore and spent the hours until daylight in the swamps of the rice fields, losing all their possessions.

"On March 8 my party, consisting of my wife and three children, aged 6, 5 and 3 years, together with a Chinese amah, a Chinese pastor, two school teachers and several other Chinese, left the inland market of Kachek, en route to Holhow.

"We arrived at the river late and so took a boat instead of a car to Holhow. After journeying three hours, the boatmen came to a stop near the bank of the river and suggested that it would be better to wait until morning before proceeding further. One or two of them then left the boat with a lantern, going to a nearby village. An hour later they returned with several other men who quietly boarded the boat at the stern and we were under way again. The other boats ahead of us were consequently out of reach. We proceeded slowly, running aground every few minutes.

"Firing began. I fell asleep but was awakened by the boat grounding again, and then firing began. The boatmen were frantic and left the boat.

"The Chinese began to flee with small bundles. The Chinese pastor advised us to take our children and flee. Picking them up, we jumped into the water, the firing getting closer, now from a small sandbar.

"We reached the bank when I attempted to return to get our baggage which contained all our clothes and family silver, when the amah with one of the boys fell headlong into the water, landing in the rice field. This fully awoke the child and his screams were anything but mild.

"I ran to his rescue and gave up returning to the boat, concentrating on getting my family away as fast as possible. We were lost in a perfect maze of rice fields, and were constantly picking ourselves out of the water. We kept on until we came to a grassy spot near a branch of the river and there we hid for three hours.

"I lay down in a swampy place—it was all swamp—and took two of the children, endeavouring to keep them warm with the heat of my body. My wife had the other. Three other little Chinese children were with us, two very small, who had been abandoned by their father in his flight and they had followed us.

Caked in Mud.

"During this time we fought mosquitoes, wondered where we would go from the place, and how we would get to Holhow. We heard a hall which sounded friendly. This came from one of the preachers from a nearby village.

"It was getting light so I went back to the boat which had gone well over. The station treasurer's books and a few pieces of clothing (stained with red dye which had spilled out) were all that was left. We returned to the boat. The boatmen also returned and we continued our journey until we reached the road where we waited without hat, shoes, food, sleep and caked in mud. A car took us to Holhow in the early afternoon.

"We are thankful to have escaped a worse fate but are still wondering at the frame of mind of the father of the two children who followed us into the rice fields. When we took them back to the boat where he joined them, we merely heard a scolding for our thanks—not scolding us, but the children, for following the 'foreign devils'!

"At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Messrs. Popham and Brothers, silk merchants, were brought into the court, suitable for their crimes. A further charge of importing dutiable goods without a permit has been adjourned until Saturday.

LITTLE MUMMERS.

"CINDERELLA" IN A NEW
SETTING.

BUDDING THESPIANS

"The Little Mimmers" or Kowloon Children's Dramatic Society were introduced by Mrs. Gay Cumming to the public yesterday afternoon when a matinee performance was given in the Star Theatre, which was almost packed, the juvenile element of the community assembling in full force. Ventures of this kind are not always a success, particularly if the requisite time is not given for rehearsal, for the children chosen for the cast require as much, if not more than, the amount of training of grown-ups. The eye and ear of the captious critic are usually considered out of place in a performance of "sweet charity," whether the principals are juveniles or adults, although the occasion does arise where a frank opinion, given in a kindly spirit for the ultimate benefit of those concerned, is rarely if ever taken amiss. That the biggest room in the world is the room for improvement applies to the appearance of little tots on the stage as well as to seasoned adults who are professionals in their art.

This need not be taken as the prelude for any unnecessary comments on the production yesterday afternoon of "Cinderella" in a new and original setting. The main test was the appreciation of the audience. It was a children's play performed for the benefit of children. And the children who formed the largest proportion of the large audience spent a real happy two hours, and were only sorry when the curtain went down for the last time. If any adult were at all bored it could not be on account of the performance on its merits at such short notice, but probably owing to the lack of insufficient orchestral music in the pauses between the various scenes. This is a small detail, however, and can easily be remedied both at the evening performance to-morrow and on any other future occasion when "The Little Mimmers" play as they did yesterday afternoon for the benefit of Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

It was a happy thought not to confine the programme to the production of "Cinderella." The quartette of pretty dances and the recitation all "brought down the house." The dancing right throughout, including the minut in the ante-room to the Queen's ball-room, provided a tribute to the skill of the Misses Violet Capel and Daisy O'Keefe, by whose permission the young artistes appeared. It would not be a kindness to say that the music was perfect, but here again it was obvious that the short time permissible for rehearsal was alone responsible for any slight shortcomings discernible.

In "Cinderella" the juvenile dramatists excelled themselves, one or two in particular performing so well as to leave not the slightest doubt in the minds of the audience that the future of the Hongkong A.D.C. is assured with such a fertile field to draw upon with the passing of the years. The audience, both juvenile and grown-up, enjoyed it thoroughly, and the ranks of "The Little Mimmers" should be greatly augmented as the result of the performance, which, as already stated, will be repeated in the Star Theatre to-morrow (Friday) evening.

The full programme and the cast in "Cinderella" are as under:

Dutch Dance... The Misses Patsy Nicol and Dorothy Henderson.
Recitation "Society Asides".... Miss Raymond Lam.
Solo Dance "Pierrette".... Miss Winnie Henderson.
Scare-Crow Dance... The Misses D. Tolan and P. Nicol.
Sword Dance... Miss Lorna Tolan.
"Cinderella" Cast.
Herr Granddolphus Schmitt (Grumpy & gouty).... Miss Ina Brown.

Countess Augusta Schmitt (His wife).... Miss Chrissie Dixon.
Countess Araminta.... Miss May Matthews.
Countess Arabella.... Miss Ena Allen.

(Ugly but concealed daughters of Countess Augusta Schmitt) Cinderella (daughter of Herr Schmitt).... Miss Winnie Henderson.

The Queen Mother.... Miss Mattie Gourlay.
Prince Lulu (her son).... Miss R. Lam.

Lord Chamberlain.... Miss Leah Salmon.
Count Gorko (Prince Lulu's friend).... Master Lawrence Allen.
Fairy Godmother.... Miss Maisie Tillery.

King's Messenger.... Miss Patsy Nicol.
The dancers in the minut were: The Misses A. Black, M. Dixon, P. Donald, M. Orr, D. Henderson, P. Nicol, P. Salmon, H. Salmon, B. Spalding, D. Tolan, and J. Turbony, and Master P. Cumming.

OFFENSIVE WORDS.

BRITISH SUBJECT JAILED
IN FLORENCE.

SENTENCE REDUCED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Florence, March 10.
The Court of Appeal dealing with the case of William Ellison has reduced his sentence to five months 21 days imprisonment and a fine of 585 lire.
Ellison is applying for the King's pardon.

LONDON STRIKE.

UNIONS' RECOMMENDATION
REJECTED.

LIVELY MASS MEETING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.
A lively mass meeting of the strikers at Messrs. Hoe's factory rejected the recommendation of the Executives of the Unions to return to work, and resolved not to resume work until the non-Unionists were removed and a substantial increase in wages assured.

The Executives of the Unions have called a meeting to consider the taking of disciplinary action against the strikers.

Lock-out Deferred.

London, Later.
As a result of a meeting of the members of the executives of the seven Unions concerned in the dispute at Hoe's factory and Sir Allan Smith, Chairman of the Employers' Federation, the employers have agreed to defer the operation of the lock-out notices until Thursday, March 18.

LINER ON FIRE.

TWO MILLION DOLLARS
DAMAGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Newport News, March 10.
Fire swept the liner "America," which was reconducting here, from stern to stern.

The damage is estimated at two million dollars (gold).
The turbine liner "America," which was built in 1905, is owned by the U.S. Shipping Board. Her gross tonnage is 21,144; and her dimensions are: length, 568 ft., breadth, 74 ft., depth, 47 ft. Her speed is 17 knots.

CROWNING GLORY.

A BEAUTY CULTURIST IN THE
COLONY.

ENTERPRISING VENTURE.

A woman's crowning glory is still her hair, whether it hangs in flowing tresses, is "done up" in the style of the pre-bobbed days, or is shingled and waved. The only problem of the moment is the same old problem that has perplexed the mind of woman down the centuries—how to improve her hair and therefore her natural comeliness and beauty. There is little to be gained by discussing whether the present rage for bobbing and shingling will be evanescent, or otherwise. The vogue is here, and the votaries of the cult require everything that will further enhance that vogue.

Local ladies will therefore, be keenly interested in an enterprising venture that is to be inaugurated at No. 13 Ice House Street on Monday next. This is to be the "Darelle Beauty Shoppe," which is to be a replica of similar establishments at Los Angeles, Hollywood, Culver City, and Venice, Darelle, the renowned hairdresser of Los Angeles and Hollywood, is in Hongkong personally, and has consented to demonstrate his skill and ability as an expression of his good wishes for the success of the new establishment, named after him. Until his departure from the Colony on a date yet to be decided Mr. Darelle will be found at No. 13 Ice House Street, and, besides giving consultations on hair dressing, will personally execute orders entrusted to him.

Mr. Darelle specialises in permanent waving and will also give practical demonstrations of the latest American styles of hair-cutting and the new French paper curls so popular at the moment with our sisters in the gay city of Paris.

It may be mentioned that Mr. Darelle has placed his interesting art for the past five years amongst the "movie" colonies of Hollywood, and possesses a unique collection of autographs of cinema stars who have made a practice of patronising his Beauty Shoppe there.

Whilst in Hongkong Mr. Darelle will be assisted by Madame Darelle, who is also an accomplished marcellier and an all-round beauty operator.
Starting on Monday under such advantageous auspices, the Beauty Shoppe in Ice House Street should enjoy a popularity as keeping with the spirit of enterprise that brings it into being.

COAL COMMISSION.

NATIONALISATION NOT
FEASIBLE.

SUGGESTED REFORMS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 10.

The report of the Royal Commission on the coal industry is issued for publication in to-morrow's papers.

The Commissioners consider that the present difficult position of the coal industry is the result of powerful economic forces and cannot be attributed either to political unrest or to a restriction of output among miners, or to inefficiency in the management of the mines. At the same time they cannot agree with the view presented by the mine owners that little can be done to improve the organisation of the industry, and that the only practicable course is to lengthen hours and lower wages. In the view of the Commissioners, large changes are necessary in other directions, and large progress is possible. The problem is two-fold, having a permanent and a temporary aspect.

Permanent Aspect.

Taking, firstly, the permanent aspect, the report points out defects of the industry resulting partly from the age of the coal fields and partly from private and divided ownership of minerals, with its effect on the lay-outs of mines. Very many collieries are too small to be good production units. As a remedy for these defects the nationalisation of the mines, as proposed by the Miners' Federation, is not recommended by the Commissioners who are not satisfied that it is workable or that its effect would be for social gain. Indeed, they perceive in it grave economic dangers. Accordingly they contemplate the continuance of industry under private enterprise, and make a number of proposals for its re-organisation.

State Acquisition.

The Commissioners propose, firstly, that minerals should be acquired by State—by purchase when the coal has a market value and by declaration of State ownership in case of unproved coal or coal at deep levels which has no market value. A Coal Commission should be appointed under the authority of the Secretary for Mines to acquire and administer this mineral property.

Amalgamations.

Secondly, the amalgamation of many of the present small units of production is both desirable and practicable. This may often be effected from within, but in many cases it will only take place if outside assistance is given. The State, as mineral owner, will be able to give such assistance in promoting desirable amalgamations when granting new leases or renewing old ones.

Connection With Power.

Thirdly, it is recommended that closer connection be promoted between the mining and allied industries. The development of electrical supply under the new proposals of the Government should be closely co-ordinated with the generation of electricity at the mines. The heat power and light requirements of country should be under constant and comprehensive survey of body formed for this purpose. Such a body might take the form of a National Fuel and Power Committee, composed of representatives nominated by the Government from among the official and other bodies concerned.

Financing Research.

Fourthly, research should be largely extended by the coal industry with the financial support of the State. It is urgently necessary that new methods for winning and utilising coal be sought if the prosperity of the industry is to be restored, and if a proper standard of wages and working conditions is to be assured.

If the processes of low temperature carbonisation were perfected, great national advantages would ensue, particularly through the production of smokeless fuel for domestic and industrial use, and the provision of large supplies of mineral oil from the country's own resources.

Selling Agencies.

Fifthly, the Commissioners consider that large financial advantages might be gained by better selling organisations and methods of transport. They recommend the formation of co-operative selling agencies, which are specially needed in the export trade, and the establishment of an official system for the sampling and analysis of coal with a view to encouraging selling on specification and guarantee in both home and foreign markets.

A standing Joint Committee of the Ministry of Transport and the Mines Department should be formed to promote more economical transport methods.

Home and Wages.

Sixthly, the relations of employers and employed are of fundamental importance. The standard length of the workday, which is now on an average seven and half hours

BRIAND'S RECORDS.

NEW CABINET FORMED IN
TEN HOURS.

IS IT A STOP-GAP?

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 10.

M. Briand, who has been nine times Premier, formed a Cabinet in ten hours. Both these achievements are records.

The complexion of the new Ministry is left, but with a leaning slightly further toward the Right than its predecessor.

The inclusion of M. Lamoureux and the War-time Defeatist, M. Malvy, assures the support of the bulk of the Radicals.

It is noteworthy that M. Raoul Peret, who is in no way a tyro in finance, is moderate and unlikely to propose any startling innovations.

M. Briand at the moment considers that the League crisis is even more urgent than Paris and returns to Switzerland to-night.

TRADE RETURNS.

BETTER SHOWING FOR LAST
MONTH.

EXPORTS HIGHER.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.

A big fall in imports and an increase in exports are shown in the Board of Trade returns for February.

The comparative figures for January and February are:—

	Jan.	Feb.
Imports.	£117,689,000	£96,845,000
Exports.	£60,380,000	£62,814,000

This shows a decline in exports of £20,844,000 and a rise in exports of £2,434,000.

Imports, however, should remain unaltered, but the optional re-distribution of hours within the present weekly total over a week of five days, instead of six should be considered.

Joint pit Committees of masters and men should be established generally. The methods of payment of the men not employed at the face should be revised where possible, in order to give them a direct interest in output.

The introduction of the family allowance system is desirable, and schemes for profit sharing by the workmen should be generally adopted and be made obligatory by statute. To bring any of these measures of re-organisation into effect must need a period of months. To bring them all into full operation must take years. Meantime, the hard economic conditions of the moment remain to be faced.

Subsidy Must Cease. The Commissioners think that the subsidy should cease at the end of its authorised term and should never be repeated. Whilst not agreeing with the coal owners' proposals, they think that a revision downward of the "minimum percentage addition to the standard rates of wages" is indispensable. The wages of the lowest paid mine would be safeguarded by a continuance of the subsistence allowances. Should the miners prefer an extension of hours, with less reduction of wages, Parliament would no doubt authorise it. They trust, however, that this will not occur.

National Wage Agreements. Though the rates of wages must vary considerably in the different districts, the Commissioners are strongly of the opinion that the national wage agreements should continue, as they are made in all other British industries of importance. They recommend that the employers and the employed meet first nationally and then, in districts in order to reach a settlement of the lines indicated.

OTHER POINTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.

The Coal Commission's report, in advocating that co-operative selling agencies should be formed to improve distribution, says that the local authorities should be empowered to engage in the retailing of coal of standard length. The Commission considers that the only way to avert the impending disaster is to revise the wages fixed in 1924 at a time of temporary prosperity.

A revision of the national wage agreements will necessitate the pooling by a number of collieries, and the Commission recommends that the Government should be prepared with plans and provide funds to assist the considerable transfer of labour which must result.

FLOWER SHOW.

(Continued from Page 1)

Dahlias, other than Pom Pom: Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Heliotropes: Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Double Geraniums: Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall, award of merit; Single Geraniums: Mrs. F. C. Hall, h.c.

Petunias: Mrs. Marsh 1; Sir Robert Ho Tung, award of merit; Linaria (Tall varieties): Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Mr. W. H. Bell 2; Verbena: Mr. Allan Cameron 1; Peak Club 2.

Delphinium and/or Larkspur: Mrs. F. C. Hall, award of merit; Phlox Drummondii: Peak Club 1; Sir Robert Ho Tung 2.

Freesia, white or lemon coloured: Peak Club 1; Sir Robert Ho Tung 2.

Nasturtiums (dwarf varieties): Mrs. F. C. Hall 1; Sir Robert Ho Tung 2.

Dianthus (including Hybrids but excluding Carnation, Picotee and Sweet William): Mr. F. S. Harrison 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall 2.

Carnations and/or Picotees: Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1; Peak Club 2.

Maiden Hair Ferns: Mrs. Dyer, award of merit.

Mignonette: Mr. D. G. M. Bernard 1.

French Marigolds: Mr. W. H. Bell, award of merit.

Pansies and/or Violets: Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Mrs. Marsh 2; Violets: Mr. W. H. Bell 1; Peak Club 2.

Sticks: Peak Club 1; Mrs. Dyer 2.

Annuals, Perennials and/or any plants: Mrs. Dyer 1; Peak Club 2.

SECTION III.
Vegetables, etc.—open to all, except Peak gardens and Chinese market gardeners.

Collection of vegetables: Hongkong Club, award of merit.

Cabbages: K.C.C. 1; Hongkong Club 2.

Savoy Cabbages: Sir Paul Chater 1; K.C.C. 2.

Cauliflowers or Broccoli: Hongkong Club 1.

Lettuces (cabbage varieties): Mr. Ho Leung 1; K.C.C. 2.

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Endive: Mr. W. Old 1.

Brussels Sprouts: Hongkong Club 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw 2.

Kohl Rabi: Lady Ho Tung 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw 2.

Turnips: Mr. W. Old 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw 2.

Carrots: Hongkong Club 1; Mr. W. Old 2; Mr. G. M. Shaw, award of merit.

Parsnips: Mr. W. Old 1; K.C.C. 2.

Onions: Lady Ho Tung 1; K.C.C. 2.

Leeks: Hongkong Club 1; K.C.C. 2.

Potatoes: Mr. W. Old 1; Lady Ho Tung 2.

Radishes: Hongkong Club 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw 2.

Beets: Mr. W. Old 1; Lady Ho Tung 2.

Celery: Sir Paul Chater 1; Mr. G. M. Shaw 2.

Tomatoes: Mr. Ho Leung 1; K.C.C. 2; Mr. Makinam, award of merit.

Peas: K.C.C. 1; Mr. L. Gibbs 2.

French Beans: Hongkong Club 1; Mr. L. Gibbs 2.

Vegetable Marrows: Hongkong Club 1.

Antirrhinum: Mr. F. S. Harrison 1.

Red or Pink Roses: Mr. T. E. Pearce 1.

White or Yellow Roses: Mr. T. E. Pearce, h.c.

Roses any colour: Mr. T. E. Pearce 1.

Carnations and/or Picotees: Mr. T. E. Pearce, h.c.

Cactus Dahlias: Mr. T. E. Pearce, h.c.

Dahlias other than Cactus: Sir Robert Ho Tung, h.c.

Mignonette: Sir Robert Ho Tung, h.c.

Nasturtium: Mr. W. H. Bell 1; Mr. L. S. Greenhill 2.

Pansies: Sir Robert Ho Tung 1; Mrs. Marsh 2.

Violets: Peak Club 1; Matilda Hospital 2.

SECTION VII.
General exhibits—open to all.

Cut Flowers: Mrs. Dyer 1; Mr. W. H. Bell 2; Mrs. F. C. Hall, h.c.

Sweet Peas: Matilda Hospital 1; Mrs. F. C. Hall 2; Mrs. Dyer, h.c.

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SERIOUS CRISIS.

YUEH WEI-CHUN TRAPPED
AND KILLED.

A GENERAL EXECUTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Hankow, March 9.

It is reported that the remainder of the Kuomintang troops were driven in to Chenchow and surrounded.

It is further reported that Yueh Wei-chun, on retreating westward from Loyang, was entrapped and killed by a detachment of Red Spears.

It is reported that Chao Cheng-ti has departed from Changsha for Wuchang.

Tung Seng-chi has intimated that he will take over the Governorship.

A telegram has been received from foreign sources requesting the despatch of a gunboat to Changsha if view of the threatening outlook. General Kung Yuen-ping, of the third division of Wu Pei-fu's army, was executed yesterday by Wu's orders for endeavouring to extort from the waterworks manager.

CHINESE BONDS.

BRITISH COMPLAINT OF
DEFAULT.

PROMISES BROKEN.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.

In the House of Commons, in reply to Mr. W. Forrest (Liberal, Batley), Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, said that in spite of its public announcement on July 4, 1924, its intention to resume payment to meet all arrears of principal and interest of the German issues of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway Loan of 1908 and 1910 and the Hukang Railway Loan of 1911, the Chinese Government, with trifling exceptions, had failed to do so, and also since that date had suspended the service even of validated bonds.

Representations by His Majesty's Minister in Peking on behalf of British holders of these German issues had produced no result, and the Chinese Government had given no satisfactory reason for differentiating between British and German issues.

Meanwhile, the situation had been changed by the recent default on two British issues, and His Majesty's Minister is pressing the Chinese Government to make good its default on the loans in question.

AIRSHIP CRASH.

NOSEDIVES IN HAMPTON
ROADS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Newport News, March 10.

The American Army dirigible TA-5 has nosedived in Hampton Roads.

Crew Rescued. Newport News, later.

Great excitement prevailed over the fall of the dirigible. Army officers at the aerodrome despatched another dirigible to the rescue, but this was not necessary as a Government cutter took off the crew and towed the damaged dirigible to Fort Monroe.

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ENGLISH CUP GAME
DRAWN AGAIN.

UNABLE TO SCORE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.

Replaying to-day in the sixth round of the English Cup, Bolton Wanderers and Notts Forest drew in a goalless match.

[On Saturday last, the tie (at Nottingham) ended in a draw of two goals each. The team will now have to play on neutral ground, for the right to meet Swansea Town (at Tottenham's ground) in the semi-final on March 27.]

LEAGUE SOCCER.

MANY DRAWS IN
MID-WEEK.

RESULTS & TABLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.

League football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa 2, Leicester 2.
Manchester United 3, Liverpool 3.
Div. III. (South).
Crystal Palace 2, Brighton 1.
Scottish League.
Airdrieonians 2, Motherwell 0.
Morton 2, Clydebank 0.
Rangers 1, Queen's Park 2.
St. Johnstone 1, Cowdenbeath 1.

The respective tables now stand:—

English League.

Division I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Huddersfield	32	17	10	5	59	47	41
Sunderland	31	16	6	9	74	55	38
Bury	32	17	5	12	73	65	37
Arsenal	30	15	6	9	62	48	36
Manchester U.	29	15	5	9	51	45	35
Sheffield U.	32	14	6	12	81	66	34
Aston Villa	31	12	10	9	66	55	34
Liverpool	31	11	11	9	52	45	33
Everton	33	8	16	9	58	61	32
Leicester	34	12	8	14	60	65	32
Tottenham	32	12	8	12	54	60	32
W. Bromwich	32	12	7	13	65	59	31
Newcastle U.	31	11	9	11	63	61	31
Birmingham	34	13	5	16	55	65	31
Blackburn	33	10	10	13	67	65	30
Bolton W.	29	12	5	12	56	49	29
West Ham	31	12	4	15	52	62	29
Cardiff City	31	11	5	15	46	63	27
Leeds U.	32	10	5	17	53	64	26
Notts County	31	10	5	16	44	51	25
Burnley	32	8	9	15	56	84	25
Sheff. Wed.	31	7	10	14	71	83	24

Division III (South).

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Reading	31	17	9	5	54	38	43
Plymouth	30	17	7	6	80	53	41
Bristol C.	32	16	9	7	71	34	41
Brighton	30	16	6	8	69	52	38
Millwall	29	13	8	8	50	28	34
Gillingham	32	14	5	13	45	36	33
Swindon	31	14	5	12	50	46	33
Luton	32	13	6	13	62	60	32
Southend	30	14	3	13	59	52	31
Northants	30	13	5	12	61	57	31
Merthyr	31	11	8	12	51	55	30
Newport	32	12	6	14	45	51	30
Watford	31	11	7	13	51	59	29
Brentford	31	13	3	15	52	68	29
Aberdare	30	12	4	14	59	52	28
Bournemouth	31	11	6	14	45	71	28
Charlton	29	8	11	10	34	37	27
Crystal P.	30	12	2	16	49	58	26
Norwich	31	10	6	15	43	52	26
Exeter	31	9	6	16	49	55	24
Bristol R.	30	9	6	15	41	54	24
Q. P. R.	32	5	8	19	28	59	18

Scottish League.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Celtic	29	10	6	4	74	31	44
Airdrieonians	31	19	3	9	81	45	41
Hearts	32	17	7	8	64	45	41
Motherwell	33	15	8	10	60	43	38
Rangers	32	16	5	11	68	47	37
St. Mirren	32	15	7	10	46	47	37
Falkirk	31	13	10	8	50	46	36
Cowdenbeath	32	15	5	12	75	65	35
Kilmarnock	30	14	5	11	64	55	33
Dundee	32	12	8	12	38	48	32
Aberdeen	30	10	9	12	44	43	29
Hamilton A.	31	11	7	13	60	69	29
Partick T.	30	8	10	12	51	57	26
Morton	31	10	6	15	44	52	26
Hibernians	32	10	5	17	63	64	25
Raith R.	31	11	3	17	41	62	25
Queen's Park	31	11	2	18	73	74	24
Dundee U.	31	9	5	17	38	60	23
St. Johnstone	31	8	7	16	35	64	23
Clydebank	31	7	6	18	49	71	20

FANLING GOLF.

The Golf Club's March Captain's Cup, played at Fanling last week-end, resulted in W. L. Plevy qualifying with a score of 87-18=71. Other scores were: A. O. Brown 89-15=74; A. B. Furves 84-9=75; K. S. Robertson 88-10=78; J. C. Hawkins 89-10=79. There were 31 entries. Mr. Plevy's score also won the optional pool for which there were 17 entries.

SCOTTISH CUP.

HOW THE LAST FOUR
ARE PAIRED.

REPLAY RESULT & DRAW.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 10.

Replaying to-day in the fourth round of the Scottish Cup, Aberdeen beat Third Lanark by three goals to nil.

[Last Saturday these Clubs drew (on the Third Lanark ground, Glasgow), the score being one goal each.]

The draw for the semi-final to be played on Saturday, March 20, resulted:—

Aberdeen v. Celtic, at Tynecastle, Edinburgh (ground of Heart of Midlothian).
Rangers v. St. Mirren, at Celtic Park, Glasgow (ground of Celtic).

NEW CHAMPION.

TIGER FLOWERS TO
BOX AGAIN.

RETURN WITH GREB.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 4.

Harry Greb to-day signed articles to meet Theodore (Tiger) Flowers for the middleweight boxing championship at Madison Square Garden on May 21. Flowers, who won the



Harry Greb.

championship from Greb had already signed a blank contract so the match has been clinched. It will be a fifteen round affair. [A Reuter's American service cable stated:—

New York, Feb. 27.

"Tiger" Flowers, who is a negro and a church deacon, won the world's middleweight boxing championship, outpointing Harry Greb in fifteen rounds.]

SATURDAY CRICKET XV'S.

The following will represent the H. K. C. C. "Outcasts" v. Royal Navy, at the H. K. C. C. ground on Saturday:—T. E. Pearce, A. C. I. Bowler, H. C. Burgess, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, J. D. Humphreys, G. F. Lammert, E. J. E. Mitchell, H. V. Parker, F. N. Young, E. B. Reed.

The following will represent the Civil Service C. C. "A" XI v. Hongkong C. C. 2nd XI on the Civil Service ground on Saturday:—W. H. Edmonds (captain), S. B. Spillett, H. Westlake, F. E. Booker, C. Sura, R. S. Patterson, F. H. Harper, B. C. K. Hawkins, F. Haynes, J. H. B. Nihill, T. W. Carr.

RACE PONIES SOLD.

The annual pony roup was held at the Causeway Bay Stables yesterday. The reserve prices were not reached in a number of cases. Ponies which changed hands were: King's Favourite, Mr. H. A. Beth, \$30.
Woodlark, Mr. W. T. Stanton, \$50.
Blue Grass, Mr. W. T. Stanton, \$50.
Beauty Dahlia, Mr. A. Leung, \$100.
Wild Fire Dahlia, Mr. A. Leung, \$10.
Jinkpot, Major Peterson, \$60.
Craigavad, Mr. E. G. Rook, \$200.
Sagacity, Mr. C. H. Blason, \$130.

CLUB LOSE.

HOCKEY MATCH WITH
PUNJABIS.

LEAD AT HALF-TIME.

The Hongkong Hockey Club were beaten by three goals to one when they met the Punjab Regiment on the Marina ground yesterday.

The teams were:—
Club:—E. W. Hamilton; C. H. R. Oxlade, H. Owen Hughes; D. A. Rushton, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin; G. P. Lammert, B. R. Foster, W. Woodward, Lt. Jacob-Larcomb, B. D. Evans.

Punjabis:—Capt. Hunt (inside right); other positions filled by native ranks.

Frequent stoppages in the first half deprived the game of its interest. The Club led by the only goal scored by Foster fifteen minutes after the start. Hamilton, in goal, was kept busy by the nippy Punjab forwards, and only back luck kept the soldiers' vanguard from scoring.

Half way after the interval, the centre forward of the Punjabis scored with a fine shot placed well out of Hamilton's reach. Beautiful combination and tricky stick work gave the Punjabis the lead through their star player, the centre forward. Shortly before the final whistle the inside, left received from the centre and scored the third goal.

"VARSITY" CRICKET.

INTERESTING MATCH
DRAWN.

The University cricket match yesterday—Dr. Ponsonby Fane's Educational XI v. "Phonics"—was drawn. Scores:—

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
H. N. Balhathet, c Featherstone, b Radmond	70						
C. W. Lam, b Wood	18						
A. A. Rumjahn, retired	61						
D. Laing, retired hurt	0						
B. P. Ng, c Ponsonby Fane, b de Rome	4						
E. Zimmer, b Radmond	13						
S. V. Gittins, not out	19						
S. O. Shahabuddin, b Radmond	0						
S. Hachimu, not out	10						
Extras	10						

Total (for 7 wks. dec.) 205
E. N. Sudan and H. Y. Leong did not bat.

Bowling Analysis.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Hett	14	1	77	0			
Samy	8	2	25	0			
Wood	5	0	33	1			
de Rome	7	0	33	1			
Gittins	1	0	4	0			
Radmond	5	0	23	3			

Bowling Analysis.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lam	14	2	39	2			
Shahabuddin	10	2	37	8			
Gittins	4	1	18	0			
Rumjahn	11	2	42	8			
Balhathet	2	1	1	0			

LAWN TENNIS.

RESULTS IN H.K.C.C.
TOURNAMENT.

Results of matches played yesterday in the H.K.C.C. annual lawn tennis tournament were:—
Open singles (first round).
Yew Man-tau, beat E. Grimble 6-2, 6-2.
K. Mawatt, beat B. H. Wong 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.
S. A. Rumjahn, beat J. Tak-cheuk 6-2, 6-2.
Dr. D. J. Valentine, beat Captain R. H. P. West 6-4, 1-6, 4-8, 8-5 (when West retired).

Club championship (second round).
Major W. B. Stevenson, beat G. S. Hugh-Jones 6-1, 6-0, 4-0.
E. D. Lawrence, beat Captain R. F. Bloxham 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

Handicap doubles (second round).
W. B. Stevenson and A. Plevy (own 2/8) beat C. H. G. Bradley and D. M. Bycroft (scr) 6-1, 6-0.

Mixed doubles (second round).
L. L. Col. J. E. Montague, beat A. H. and Mrs. Crook (scr) 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

ADJUDICATING GIRLS.

LOCAL WORK OF THE
Y.W.C.A.

SUPPORT NEEDED.

An appeal for greater support of the local Y.W.C.A. was made at the sixth annual meeting held at the premises in Cairns Road yesterday. Classes in home nursing, first aid to the injured, the piano and language tuition were provided and health centres conducted for children of pre-school age. It was pointed out, and instruction was provided for mothers on the moral training and up-bringing of children.

The Association work had to be limited somewhat owing to lack of space, said Miss N. E. Elliott, who directs the work of the Association locally. There was an increase in the number and variety of the calls made upon them, and the Association was still hoping for a grant of land to be made on which a suitable building could be erected.

Mrs. Wong Kwok-shuei presided over the annual meeting and other speakers were Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. E. Ralphs (Inspector of English Schools) and the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling.

The membership of the Association was 383, an increase of 27 over last year. The budget difference, drawn up at the beginning of the year, showed a deficit of \$4,454, which had been contributed by friends to whom the Association was most grateful.

THIS FREEDOM.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE
MASKED BALL.

Now that interest in the Masked Ball has been aroused, it is as well to admit the public a little behind the scenes, as to the why and how of it all.

There is no ulterior purpose whatever behind this Ball in any way. It is simply what it professes to be—an evening in which those who are fond of dancing can enjoy their favourite pastime under as congenial conditions as it is possible to devise in existing circumstances in Hongkong.

The promoters think that, given the opportunity, the public here are as fond of enjoyment as in other places. If they are wrong, and the public do not appreciate efforts made to give them of the best in this particular field—that is, dancing—then naturally it would hardly be reasonable to expect them to go to the bother and expense entailed on another occasion. If they have judged aright however, then it is hoped to arrange further dances on the same lines, with such alterations and conditions as may be suggested by experience gained at this Ball, or by suggestions made by those interested. It is, in fact, a large experiment in communal enjoyment, where the only standard is the greatest enjoyment of the greatest number. Hence the promoters, through their accredited agents, will welcome any suggestions made, at any time, by which this scheme of communal enjoyment can be improved.

Now for another question. Why are the promoters so secret? That should not be a difficult question to anyone who knows Hongkong. The promoters are of those who themselves say of something different in the way of an evening's amusement. They feel that, as they are normal human beings, there are plenty of other human beings with the same ideas as themselves. Placed as they are in the small world of Hongkong, they do not feel disposed to come out in the open as objectors to the "god of things as they are," as they might be classed as heretics or professed disturbers of the peace. Can anyone who knows this place dare to say that they are not wise in desiring to hide their light under a bushel? Hardly, one thinks!

So much for the why. Now for the how.

Some people have complained that \$10 for a double ticket is too high others that it is too low. Proof that it is not a bad guess at the right price.

This question of price of admission came up for consideration several times before being determined on, and the conclusion reached was that the price should not be so high as to turn it into a money-making proposition, and not so low as to make the Hall very liable to be crowded. Hence the present price was decided upon with the strict understanding that the sale of tickets should be limited to what the City Hall would hold with comfort to the people chiefly concerned, that is, the dancers.

As dancing is the main object of the evening, the most important item next to the floor space is the question of music.

Now here is an innovation which the promoters think will be very popular, both by its novelty and by the added fact of giving to the dancing. Bands playing alternately are common enough in large centres of population, but this Masked Ball is the first occasion

RUBBER.

LATEST QUOTATIONS IN
SINGAPORE.

TWO INTERIM DIVIDENDS.

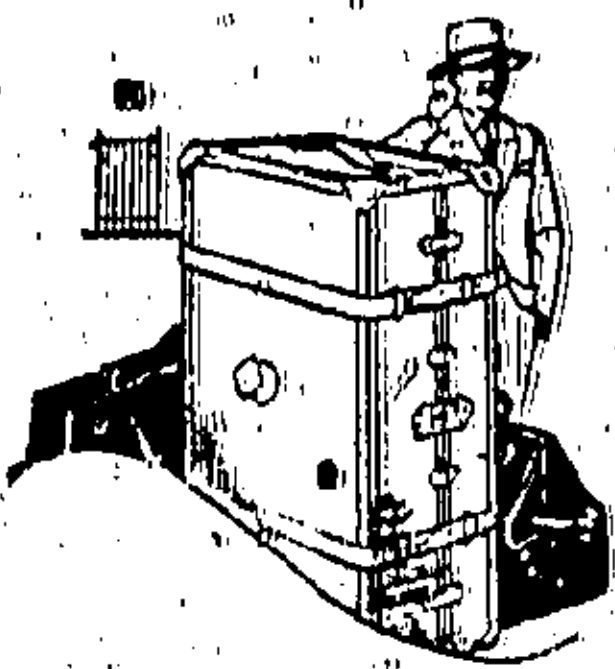
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CAPT. FRED YOUNG

Captain Fred Young is the only man in the world who ever spanked the Prince of Wales. The Prince, when a child, tried to trip the Captain, who was standing guard for King Edward, and the officer upturned the "royal heir" and administered a hearty smacking.



MRS. DOMINICK DE CORE & BABY

Although only three weeks old, Joseph De Core already is a candidate for a life-saving medal. Escaping gas awakened the baby and his wails aroused neighbours who rescued his father and mother, who were already unconscious from the fumes. Joseph is shown in his proud mother's arms.



MRS. CAROLINE SAPORITO

Mrs. Caroline Saporito accused her husband, Michael, of kidnapping her from her parents, but a New York judge dismissed the charge, saying that a husband has a right to take his wife away from anyone.



JOSEPH ELKIND & ELGA STROFOSKY

Joseph Elkind, 104, and Elga Strofosky, 106, have decided that it's never too late for romance, and have announced their engagement to marry at the Brooklyn Hebrew Hospital and Home for Aged where both have lived for many years.



ROBERT HANLY

Robert Hanly caused the arrest of a girl, nineteen years old, whom he charged with selling liquor to his mother at Lynn (U.S.A.).



GENERAL KOSCIDO



MISS CRENN SELLERS



GENERAL LYROV



GENERAL VON JANKY

General Koscido Von Janky has been named as commander of the Hungarian Army, an unusually important post in view of the disturbed condition of that nation. Miss Crenna Sellers, a Yale Law School graduate, has been appointed to the anti-trust division of the United States District Attorney's office in New York. Richard I. Taylor's nomination as inter-state Commerce Commission member has been confirmed by the Senate. General Lyrov, distinguished soldier, has been appointed to the general staff of the Czechoslovakian Army.

BRINGING UP FATHER

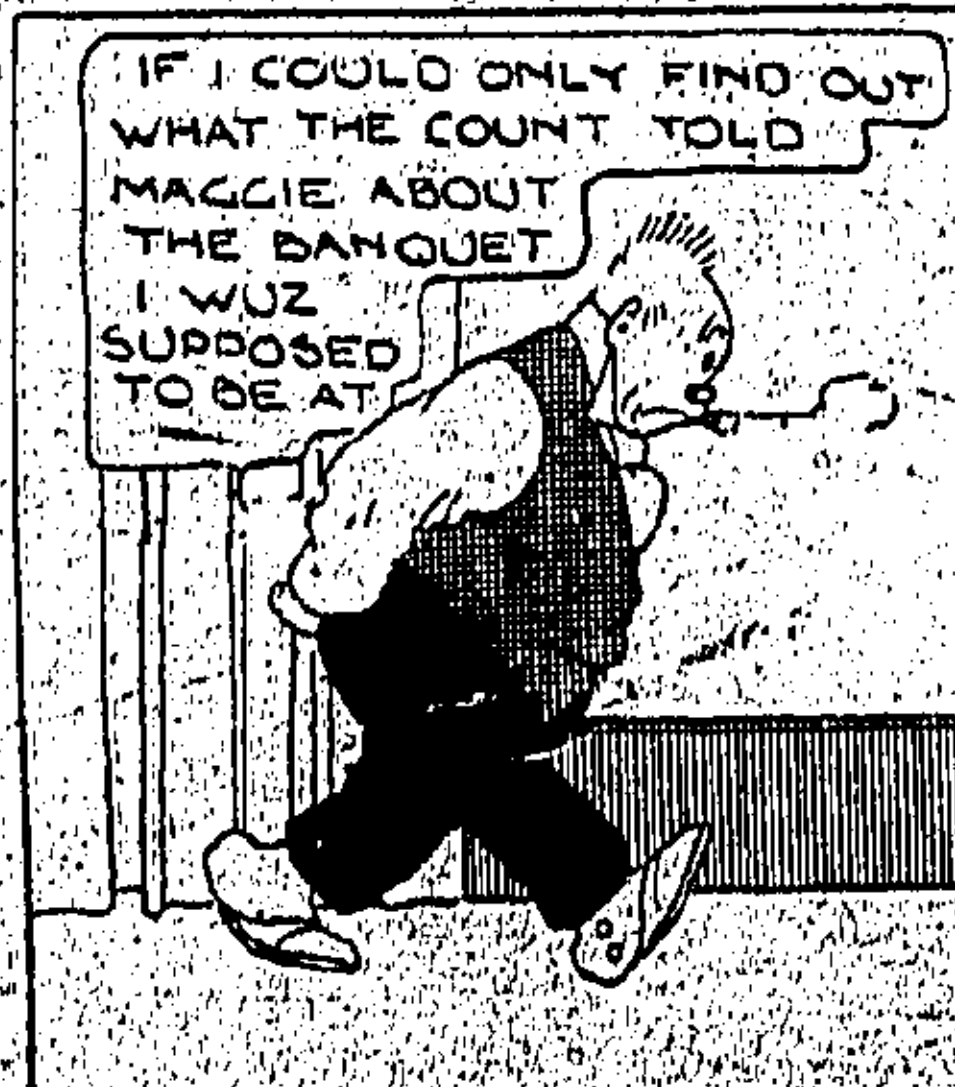
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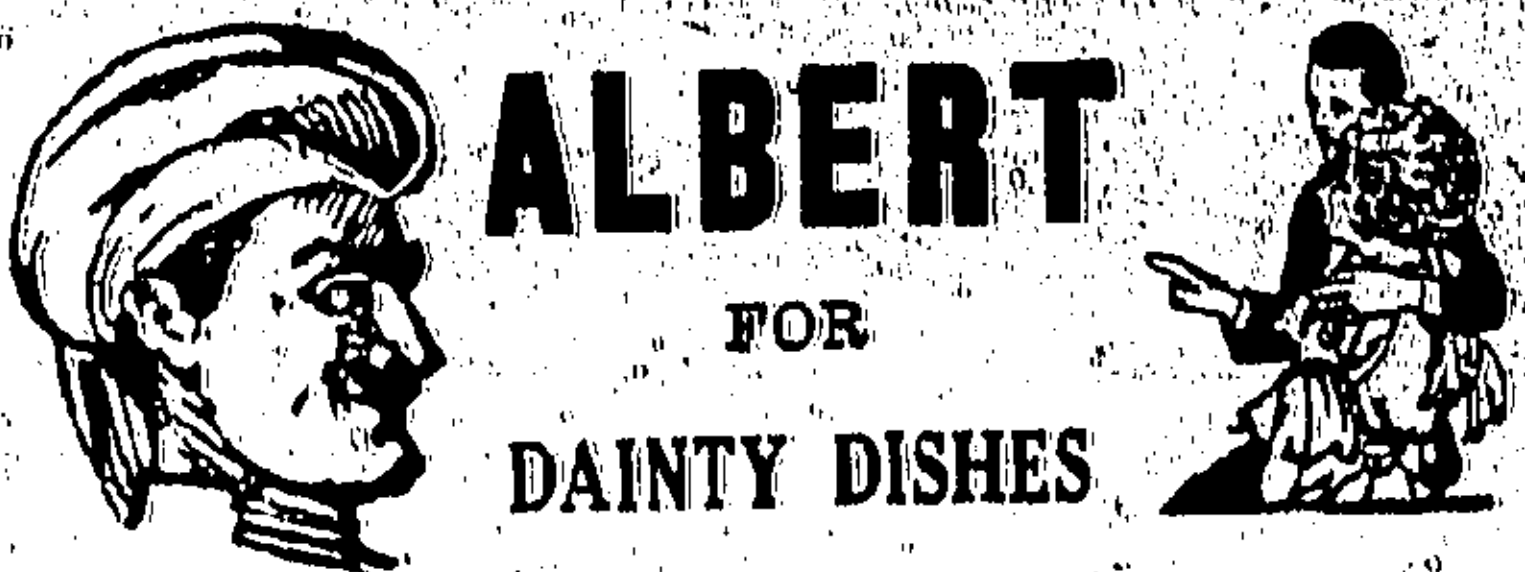
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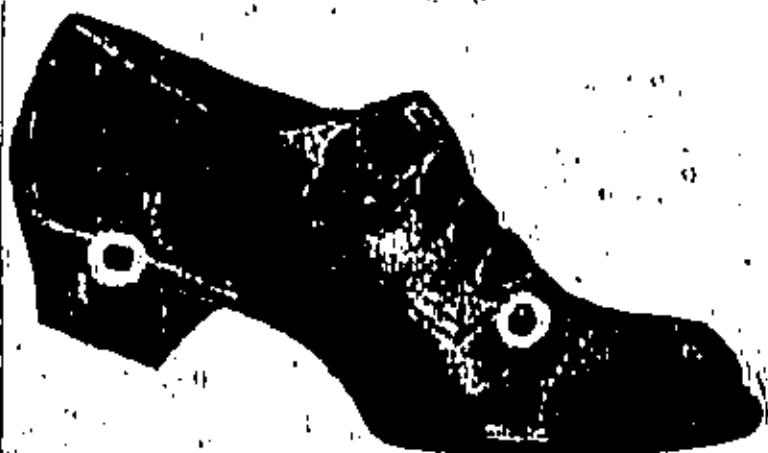
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ODDS AND ENDS



MISS EVANGELINA JOHNSON

New York Society is much interested in the report that Miss Evangelina Johnson, a wealthy member of the "400" will marry Leopold Stokowski, conductor of the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Delicious."

Every other woman is using the word we have adopted "delicious," says a writer in the London "Evening News." As a descriptive term for sap, green, the new hydrangea blue, a country cottage, an exotic lampshade, and a new play its popularity is unquestioned. It is as successful as "sweet" and "cinkie" used to be, and threatens the word we have so overworked of late with regard to clothes, "amusing." As we like to talk in italics nowadays, a dress that pleased us very much we would describe as "just too delicious."

15-ton Bell For America.

An American order (valued at \$12,000) for a 15-ton bell, the second largest ever made in England, has been given to the firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Craydon. The bell is to be put in a belfry above the Wanamaker store at Philadelphia, in memory of John Wanamaker, the founder. Mr. Rodman Wanamaker, during a recent visit to London, was extremely impressed with the broadcasting of Big Ben, and decided that it would be a good idea to have a similar bell for the Philadelphia store, to be used for broadcasting purposes. The bell will be bigger than Big Ben and will have a deeper tone than the "Great Paul" of St. Paul's Cathedral—the largest bell in the country. It will be the largest bell in the United States.

Coincidences.

At eleven o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918, the Armistice, which concluded the bloodshed of the Great War, came into force. The coincidence of the occurrence of the three elevens in hour, day, and month, however, is not the only curiosity in dates among the great events of the Peace settlement. The terms upon which peace was concluded were officially presented to the Germans at Versailles on May 7, 1918, which date was the third anniversary of the sinking of the "Lusitania." They were signed on June 28, the fourth anniversary of the assassination of the Austrian Archduke at Sarajevo; and they were formally ratified by the Germans on July 17, the one hundred and third anniversary of the signature by France of the Treaty of Peace after Waterloo.

Princely Customers.

At Eton the school stores or "sock" shop, numbered Prince Henry, Prince Nicholas of Rumania, and Prince Leopold of Belgium among its constant and appreciative patrons during recent years. The stores, which have lately been enlarged, include items for various sports outfits in its stock as well as tuck. The presiding deity of the stores is familiarly known as "Tom," and owing to his years of service is one of the best-known figures at Eton. Fruit "Funnies," which he serves in great profusion in the summer months, are among the specialties he dispenses. They consist mainly of fruit and ice cream, and other much-praised dainties are fruit "messes" in which cream plays a leading part among the ingredients. The stores are kept behind a long counter, and only those boys who are members of that exclusive Etonian society, "Pop," are permitted to eat tuck behind the wooden barrier.

Famous Harrow Bookshop.

At Harrow the tuck shop is in the old town, its windows looking out on to the school houses and is opposite the school bookshop, which is an equally famous institution to Harrovians. Many years ago a quiet-mannered, and somewhat serious boy would go frequently to the shop to buy a novel or a school book. He is now England's Premier, Mr. Stanley Baldwin. The name of Winston Churchill was not so famous in those bygone days, when the owner would stay for long talks with the proprietor of the shop, who little thought, at that time, that he was holding converse with an embryo Chancellor of the Exchequer; or that, when a youth named John Galsworthy made his purchases, in a comparatively few years the shop counter would display numerous books written by his young customer! Mr. Amery, the Colonial Secretary, is another who is well remembered within the book-lined walls; and other boys who frequented the shop and are now Cabinet Ministers are Viscount Peel and Sir Samuel Hoare.



COL. GEORGE LYON

Colonel George Lyon (seventy-six), the oldest student at Harvard University, has decided to leave and take up fruit raising. He graduated from Harvard fifty years ago, but has been taking post-graduate work for several years.

The Collection Coin.

"People who think nothing of paying 2s. or 3s. for a seat at a theatre think a threepenny-piece the proper ecclesiastical coin," said the Rev. Geoffrey C. Lunt, M.C., vicar of All Saints, Northampton, in offering to a vestry meeting an explanation of the falling off in offertories. He added "I do not believe threepenny-pieces would be minted if it were not for church offerings. Every Monday morning we send bundles of threepenny-pieces to the bank, and they all come back the next Sunday." If those who attended church regularly thought that their threepenny-pieces really paid for their share in the church's upkeep and then left anything to spare, they must have no sense of business proportion. Only the sale of portions of the churchyard had saved the church's financial position.

Women's Air Feats.

A movement is on foot to hold the first international display for women air pilots next summer at a big aerodrome not far from Paris. It is hoped that the display may be repeated at a flying ground near London. Mrs. Elliot-Lynn, of the London Flying Club, who accomplishes rolls, loops, and other aerial feats, is awaiting a reply to a challenge which she has sent to Mlle. Maryse, the French airwoman. It is proposed that the two should compete in a demonstration of aerobatics. It is also proposed that the display should include an international contest in which the greatest men trick fliers should be pitted against each other. If Capt. Frank Courtney, whose performances at Lympne, Kent, have been astonishing, were to compete with the great airmen of other countries, it is believed that some of the most thrilling air spectacles ever seen would be provided.

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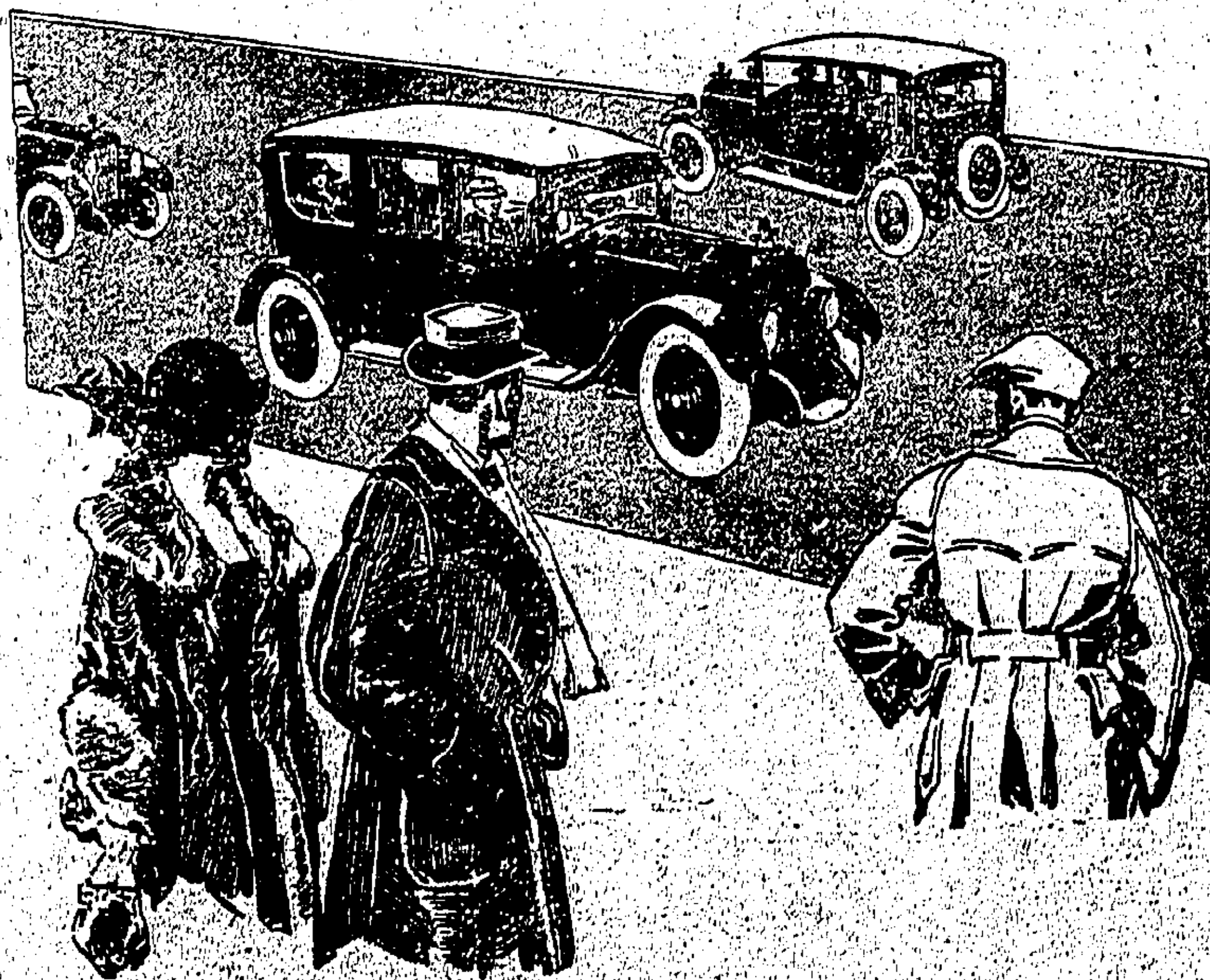
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